

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
COMMON COUNCIL  
CITY OF MONTICELLO  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on February 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Houston and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Mayor Ken Houston, Councilors Doug Pepple, Tim McQuinn, and Kim Kramer. City Attorney George Loy was also present.

**Minutes**-Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting at 6:00 pm as presented. Tim McQuinn seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Additions & Deletions**-None

**Citizen Participation**-None

**Department Heads Reports**-Water Superintendent Rod Pool reported there were 35 frozen meters during the recent days of frigid temperatures. Parks Superintendent Mitch Billue indicated the Parks Board will be renewing a lease with Area IV. There has been a good relationship over the years. The DNR will be paving the access site at Dodge Camp and hope to have the work done prior to Memorial Weekend. Wastewater Superintendent Adam Downey reported he will be submitting the NPDES permit to IDEM. This covers a 5 year period. Also, bi-annual toxicity tests were submitted to IDEM and passed without exception. Fire Chief Galen Logan reported there was a fire at the White Oak Health Campus which was contained to one room. Twenty residents had to be moved. On January 25<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting to discuss the “opiod crisis” in the area. It was well attended with good discussion and a follow up meeting being planned. Captains Fisher and Strange attended a leadership class. ADA Coordinator Cathy Gross reported the mandatory bi-annual training for Title VI will be held on Feb 20, 21 and 25 at the Fire Station. Police Chief Randy Soliday reported a heating unit malfunctioned in their offices. While making the repairs one of the workers fell off a ladder, broke a leg and had to be hospitalized. Also, former Chief Bill Green passed away. The department conducted a “casket watch” during the viewing period at the funeral home. Street Commissioner Frank Arthur reported the department has had 239 hours of overtime in January and has used 3400 gallons of brine mix on the streets so far. Frank indicated the Community Crossing applications have been turned in. Total dollar amount of projects applied for was \$873,000.00.

**Committee Reports**-None

## Old Business-

- 1. Consideration of Ground Water Use Restriction Ordinance-**City Attorney George Loy reported he had been contacted by Greg Cafouros, attorney for Sypher Sales and Poncies Water Sports located at 624 S Main Street and Patrick Rohan of Ramboll Engineering. The property had groundwater contamination issues dating back to 2002. Since then approximately 50 test wells have been dug to monitor the remediation of the contaminants. The remediation has progressed to the extent that the test wells will be abandoned in the future. Patrick Rohan explained the containment area by the use of two plume maps. He pointed out the map areas showing a reduction of contamination. Patrick stated that although the City has an ordinance prohibiting that drilling of wells in the City limits IDEM wants a more robust definition to enhance the enforcement actions of the City. Mayor Houston asked what IDEM's feedback is on this site. Lynette Trowey representing IDEM stated that they are content with the remediation efforts. She also indicated they have been tracking the impact of these remediation projects with regards to the impact to property values and there has been no impact. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 52 of the Monticello Code of Ordinances Restricting The Use of Groundwater in a Certain Area Within Monticello and move it onto a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

## New Business

- 1. White County Building & Planning-Joe Rogers-Ordinance Amendments A52 and A56-**White County Building & Planning Director Joe Rogers reported that Amendment A52 deals with 2 sections: 1) Solar Farms and 2) Solar Energy Systems. Joe stated there is currently nothing in the ordinance dealing with solar energy. He said that terminology and wording dealing with the solar power industry has been added. Joe stated the verbiage in A52 differentiates between generation of power which would be sold on the grid versus power generated for business or personal use. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02 dealing with Solar Energy Systems and move it on to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**A56-Vision Clearance and # of Principal Buildings per Lot-Chapter 3-**Joe outlined there has been a determination that provisions are required to allow more than 1 principal structure on a lot. Two examples were cited; 1) Self Service Storage Units 2) Confined Feeding Operations. The new wording does provide for these types of scenarios. Regarding vision clearance, Joe suggested that the current language is unclear and hard to understand. So, the use of diagrams was added along with verbiage clarifications to make the information easier to follow. Doug Pepple made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-03 and move it on to a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 2. Clerk Treasurer-Outdated Checks-**Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann outlined the annual procedure as defined by the Board of Accounts and state statute. The monies from the checks need to be returned to the fund they originated from. Tim McQuinn made a motion to approve the list of outdated checks as presented. Kim Kramer seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
  
- 3. Happy Tails-Bucket Drop-Kathleen Gross-**Kathleen requested to hold a bucket drop on May 24, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. This would be done at the intersections of Main & Broadway and Illinois & Broadway. Kim Kramer made a motion to approve the request. Doug Pepple seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous and All Other Matters**-None

**Adjournment-**There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

James D Mann  
Clerk Treasurer  
City of Monticello